

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4510

AN ACT

To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the Capitol.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) Sojourner Truth was a towering figure
4 among the founders of the movement for women's
5 suffrage in the United States, and no monument
6 that does not include her can accurately represent
7 this important development in our Nation's history.

8 (2) The statue known as the Portrait Monu-
9 ment, originally presented to Congress in 1920 in
10 honor of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment
11 guaranteeing women the right to vote and presently
12 exhibited in the rotunda of the Capitol, portrays sev-
13 eral early suffragists who were Sojourner Truth's
14 contemporaries but not Sojourner Truth herself, the
15 only African American among the group.

16 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE AND DISPLAY OF BUST OF SO-**
17 **JOURNER TRUTH IN CAPITOL.**

18 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF BUST.—Not later
19 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 the Joint Committee on the Library shall accept the dona-
21 tion of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth, subject to such
22 terms and conditions as the Joint Committee considers ap-
23 propriate.

1 (b) DISPLAY.—The Joint Committee shall place the
2 bust accepted under subsection (a) in a suitable perma-
3 nent location in the Capitol.

Passed the House of Representatives December 19
(legislative day, December 18), 2005.

Attest:

Clerk.

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